

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

[[00038]      The composition of the prior art aluminum-zinc alloy baths is well-known as discussed in the Borzillo et al. and Cho patents, and the Cho publication noted above. Generally, this bath comprises about 55% aluminum, a level of silicon, generally about 1.6% by weight, and the balance zinc. Other variations in the composition are within the scope of the invention as would be conventionally known to those of ordinary skill in the art. For example, Borzillo clearly teaches that such an aluminum-zinc bath, and the resulting aluminum-zinc coating applied to a hot-dip product, may contain between 25% and 70% aluminum by weight.